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PRODUCTION OF SYNTHETIC MATERIALS PROGRESSES

There have recently been outstanding successes in the production of new materials, chiefly in the manufacture of plastic materials. Sufficient raw materials, exist, particularly for phenol plastics. Plastic materials can replace in many instances ordinary raw materials such as metals, glass, textiles, and leather. As the chemical industry has been able to provide a sufficient productive capacity for pressing materials, the processing sector must now fully utilize them. The processing sector plans to work first of all on those stampings which can replace metals, above all, nonferrous metals, which are in greatest shortage.

The industry, assisted by the Ministry of Industry and with the cooperation of all components of the trade-union movement, is devoting its greatest attention to the utilization of substitutes for nonferrous metals. This is expressed, above all, in production itself, in practical creation of various products of synthetic materials, and in theoretical training of work cadres, chiefly designers. The theoretical training of technicians is carried out in one-day courses which are organized by the Headquarters of Labor Schools of the ROH (Revolutionary Trade-Union Movement) in cooperation with the Ministry of Industry. -- A. Opat.

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